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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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STABILIZE AND REPAIR AN  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 3, 2005

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated October 3, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is January 3, 2006.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)</p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, facsimile number 703-273-8300, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.</p> <p> Cynde McManam</p>
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